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SUBJECT: VISIT OF UNION CARBIDE EXECUTIVES TO SOUTHERN
AFRICA

1. FRED B O'MARA, EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT OF UNION CARBIDE
DWIGHT WAIT, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF UNION CARBIDE AFRICA
AND MIDDLE EAST, INC. AND JAMES RAWLINGS, VICE PRESIDENT
OF UNION CARBIDE METALS DIVISION, PLAN TO VISIT SOUTHERN
AFRICA IN LATE JANUARY AND EARLY FEBRUARY 1978. THE MAIN
PURPOSE OF THE TRIP IS TO ASSESS THE POLITICAL AND
ECONOMIC OUTLOOK FOR AMERICAN-OWNED FIRMS IN SOUTHERN
AFRICA, PARTICULARLY IN RHODESIA.

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2. UNION CARBIDE HAS CONSIDERABLE INVESTMENT IN RHODESIA,
INCLUDING CHROME MINES, A CHROME SMELTER, AND A CATTLE
RANCH. WHILE UNION CARBIDE AT PRESENT EXERCISES NO
CONTROL OVER AND RECEIVES NO FINANCIAL BENEFITS FROM ITS
RHODESIAN HOLDING, THE COMPANY HOPES TO REGAIN SOME MEASURE
OF CONTROL OVER THESE PROPERTIES WHEN AN INDEPENDENT
ZIMBABWE COMES INTO EXISTENCE. UNION CARBIDE OFFICIALS

PERIODICALLY CONTACT THE DEPARTMENT TO COMPARE NOTES ON THE SOUTHERN AFRICAN SITUATION.

3. UNION CARBIDE HAS REQUESTED THE DEPARTMENT'S ASSISTANCE IN ARRANGING APPOINTMENTS FOR O'MARA, WAIT AND RAWLINGS WITH VARIOUS LEADERS. FOLLOWING IS PARTIAL SCHEDULE AND APPOINTMENTS SOUGHT:

JANUARY 29-30 LUSAKA PRESIDENT KAUNDA, JOSHUA NKOMO, AMBASSADOR LOW.

JANUARY 31 DAR ES SALAAM PRESIDENT NYERERE AND AMBASSADOR SPAIN

FEBRUARY 1 MAPUTO PRESIDENT MACHEL, ROBERT MUGABE, AMBASSADOR DEPREE

FEBRUARY 8 OR 12 GABORONE PRESIDENT KHAMA AND AMBASSADOR NORLAND

UNION CARBIDE EXECUTIVES WILL BE TRAVELLING BY COMPANY PLANE. THEY PLAN TO BE IN SOUTH AFRICA FEBRUARY 2-12 AND ARE PREPARED TO FLY TO GABORONE EITHER FEBRUARY 8 OR 12 FOR MEETINGS. (UNION CARBIDE REPS IN SOUTH AFRICA ARE ARRANGING SOUTH AFRICAN PORTION OF TRIP.) ACTION ADDRESSEES ARE REQUESTED TO SEEK ABOVE APPOINTMENTS, UNLESS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OBJECTIONS ARE PERCEIVED, AND ANY OTHER APPOINTMENTS WHICH POSTS BELIEVE MIGHT BE USEFUL. CHRISTOPHER

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